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Application of:	G. Cotton	Group Art Unit:	To be assigned
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Title:	Site-Specific Labelling of Proteins Using Acridone and Quinacridone Lifetime Dyes		

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**Introductory Comments**

Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which is a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and claims priority to international application number PCT/GB2003/003190 filed July 28, 2003. This application also claims priority to patent application number 0217562.8 filed in Great Britain on July 30, 2002 and to United States pending patent application number 10/241,355 filed September 11, 2002.